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388 TFW KORAT

DODSPECREP BANGKOK

DODSPECREP NKP

CHSPECATS BANGKOK

7 ACCS KORAT

354 TFW KORAT RTAFB

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56 SOW NKP

432 TRW UDORN
CDR JCRC NKP
8 TFW UBON
ARMA/AIRA VTN LAOS
ARMA/AIRA SVKT LAOS

C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 5290

CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD; 13 AF ADVON, 432 TFW, 56 SOW, 388 TFW,
354 TFW AND 8 TFW FOR DO/DI; MACTHAI FOR J-2 AND PAO.

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MOPS, PINS, PFOR, LA
SUBJECT: LAO SITUATION REPORT - 30 JULY 1973

REF: VIENTIANE 5239

I. MILITARY SITUATION:

A. MR'S I, II, V: NO ACTION REPORTED DURING PERIOD 28-30.

B. MR III: ON JULY 27, IN A MINOR CLASH TWO KMS SOUTHWEST OF
DONG HENE (WD 3044), FRIENDLY COMPANY WAS ATTACKED BY ENEMY
COMPANY. THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES, BUT ENEMY HAD TWO
KIA AND ONE WIA.

C. THERE WERE EIGHT T-28 STRIKE SORTIES FLOWN ON 20 JULY IN MR
III, SIX OF WHICH WERE REPORTEDLY IN SUPPORT OF TROOPS IN CON-
TACT. STRIKES WERE FLOWN IN BAN BUNG XANG AREA (WD 5030).

D. MR IV: IN MINOR GROUND ATTACK JULY 28, FRIENDLY PATROL WAS
ATTACKED 28 KMS NORTHEAST OF PAKSE (WB 9995) BY ESTIMATED ENEMY
PLATOON. THERE WERE FOUR FRIENDLY WIA WITH ENEMY CASUALTIES
UNKNOWN.

II. POLITICAL SITUATION:

A. ON JULY 20 LPF PERMREP INFORMED ICC REPS, PLUS UK AND USSR
AMBASSADORS, THAT ALL SIGNIFICANT ISSUES BETWEEN RLG AND LPF
HAVE BEEN RESOLVED, AND THAT IMPLEMENTING PROTOCOL OF VIENTIANE
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AGREEMENT SHOULD BE SIGNED THIS WEEK.

B. REPORTEDLY, RLG WILL HOLD MINISTRIES OF DEFENSE, INTERIOR,
FINANCE, EDUCATION AND HEALTH; WHILE LPF WILL HOLD FOREIGN
AFFAIRS, ECONOMY/PLAN, PUBLIC WORKS, RELIGION AND INFORMATION.
NEUTRALS WILL HOLD JUSTICE AND POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS.
THERE APPARENTLY WILL BE TWO DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS, THE
SENIOR DEPUTY (PROBABLY SOUPHANOUVONG) COMING FROM LPF SIDE.

SOUVANNA WILL REMAIN PRIME MINISTER.

C. LPF WILL BE ALLOWED TO STATION THREE ADDITIONAL COMPANIES IN VIENTIANE AND TWO IN LUANG PRABANG. TWENTY DEMARKATION STAKES WILL BE PLACED IN "HOT SPOTS" AND SIX JOINT LAO MOBILE INSPECTION TEAMS WILL SUPERVISE CEASEFIRE.

D. REFLECTING BREAKTHROUGH IN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN RLG AND LPF, BOTH VIENTIANE DOMESTIC SERVICE (VDS) AND RADIO PATHET LAO REPORTED FLURRY OF HIGH-LEVEL NEGOTIATING MEETINGS DURING PERIOD JULY 27-29. SOUVANNA FLEW TO LUANG PRABANG OVER WEEKEND TO BRIEF KING ON NEGOTIATIONS.
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